

# Welcome SmoothieKiwi!

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It's somehow funny to see one's own nickname referenced 😊

Anyway, I've found this forum by the Lucretius podcast and was intrigued by it. As most of the members here, I've went around and delved into Stoicism, Aristotelianism, Pyrrhonism and Epicureanism. The most influential book in that regard was "A few days in Athens", which moved me to discard my opinions and beliefs about Stoicism. Its really fascinating to think that in my age, a person could write such a great book... and it makes me a bit envious, although I shouldn't be.

Even so, I've the feeling that Epicureanism unites all of the latter three philosophies: Aristotelianism by being a wise, virtuos and happy man, Pyrrhonism by discarding unnecessary beliefs, except the evident one- that pleasure feels good and pain feels bad. And this is something extremely liberating. So I'm trying to understand this old, wise philosophy, because I've the nagging feeling that I'm missing something in Epicureanism. Not in the sense that pleasure isn't the thing we should employ to determine what is good or bad, but because there's something resulting out of this belief that transforms a regular man into Gandalf, so to speak. And I'm trying to understand this "what", and what I'm missing in the philosophy- or, to be more exact, in the application of it. Maybe my perception of Epicureanism has been shaped by Wright, but I still believe that there's something I misunderstand from this philosophy- and I'm trying to figure out, what.

Anyways, that's basically it. "Tending the Epicurean garden" by Hiram has also been a good book I've read, and I'm currently listening to the podcast and trying to figuring out whether or not I should read the poem on my own 😊